

STATE OF MICHIGAN FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY

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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on FIA Michigan State Senate State Capitol Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Jerry Kooiman, Chair House Appropriations Subcommittee on FIA Michigan House of Representatives State Capitol Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Kooiman:

Section 273(1) of 2003 Public Act No. 172 requires the Michigan Family Independence Agency (MFIA) to report on each specific policy change made to implement enacted legislation. Section 273(2) requires MFIA to provide a cumulative list of all policy changes in the following areas: child welfare services, child support, work first, work requirements, adult and child safety, local staff program responsibilities, and day care.

All of the required information can be readily accessed at the following link: www.michigan.gov/fia-manuals. Child and Family Services, Financial Assistance, Adult Services, Juvenile Justice and other agency policy manuals, along with bulletin logs for each, are available at this web site. The Bulletin Log for each manual group contains ALL bulletins that have been issued; back to the date that group went online. For example, the Financial Assistance bulletins go back to July 1997.

The date of the last update appears in the header for each manual group. A current date in the "Last Updated" field in the header provides notification that a new policy release has been issued for a manual group. Manual groups with a new release are updated the first day of the month. We will also provide an email notice to key legislative staff listing manual items being changed to help assure that committee members are advised of all changes. Use of this link will provide immediate access to the most current policy information required by the act.

If you have any questions, please contact Rita Barker, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, at 373-7787.

Sincerely,

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